THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) On January 26, 2006 an explosion took place on the down track on Coalfield Industrial Centre (C.I.C.) Section of East Central Railway. In the incident five bogies of an empty goods train got derailed causing damage to the track and the traction line. Such attacks lead to disruption of the rail traffic on the C.I.C. Section.

(c) The Ministry of Railways has been advised to expeditiously strengthen the RPF in terms of number, training, equipment and legal powers. Emphasis has been laid on better co-ordination between RPF, GRP and local police especially at the cutting edge level.

Talks with leaders of Jammu and Kashmir

2635. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of talks with the Prime Minister and separatist leaders of Jammu and Kashmir to find out peaceful solution of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) by when the next round of talks are likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh met a delegation of All Party Hurriyat Conference (APHC) led by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on September 5, 2005 and again on May 3, 2006. Separately he met a delegation led by People's Conference Chairman Shri Sajjad Lone on January 14,2006 and another delegation led by Yasin Malik, Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, on February 17, 2006. The Prime Minister also held a Round Table Conference on Jammu and Kashmir on February 25, 2006, in which a broad spectrum of political groups and representatives of various sections of civil society from the State participated. During the talks, the Prime Minister reaffirmed his faith in a peaceful resolution of all issues pertaining to Jammu and Kashmir and reiterated the Government's stance that violence has no role in a democracy. The participants also stressed that an honorable and durable solution should be found through dialogue. It was also agreed to carry forward the dialogue process so that all regions and all shades of political opinion in Jammu and Kashmir are involved.

(b) It is proposed to hold the second Round Table Conference in Srinagar in the month of May 2006.

Terrorism in North Eastern States

†2636. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have controlled the increasing incidents of terrorism in North Eastern States; and

(b) the reasons for increase in these incidents of terrorism and the steps Government have taken to check these incidents and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The details of violent incidents in North Eastern States during 2004, 2005 and 2006 (till 30th April) are as under:

Year	Incidents	Terrorists Killed	Security Forces Killed	Civilians Killed
2004	1234	404	110	414
2005	1332	405	70	393
(30.4.05)	(441)	(141)	(20)	(92)
2006	419	125	19	97

Government have taken various steps to check the incidents of terrorism in North Eastern States. Besides holding peace dialogue with various insurgent groups, the capabilities of the State Police are being enhanced to effectively deal with the problem of terrorism. Institutional mechanism have been built among the States in the North Eastern region to share actionable intelligence inputs available with the State and Central agencies to launch coordinated counter insurgency operations against the insurgent groups. Development of infrastructure is given priority in the North Eastern States.

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